* Instructions have been issued through the Cabinet Secretariat on 7th May, 1990, prohibiting smoking in hospitals, dispensaries, educational institutions, conference rooms, domestic air flights, AC sleeper coaches, sub urban trains etc.

* Direct tobacco related advertisements are prohibited on Doordarshan and All India Radio. The Cable TV Regulation Act has been recently amended prohibiting tobacco advertising on Cable TV also.

* Under Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, a warning 'Chewing of Tobacco is injurious to Health' has also been made mandatory.

The Government have also introduced a comprehensive Bill, namely, "the Cigarettes and other Tobacco products (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce. Production, Supply and Distribution), Bill. 2001" in the Rajya Sabha on 7th March, 2001. which was referred to the Department Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Human Resource Development of the Rajya Sabha. The Standing Committee presented its report in Rajya Sabha on 5-12-2001. This Bill, *inter-alia,* provides for a total ban on advertising of cigarettes and other tobacco products and prohibits sponsorship of sports and cultural events cither directly or indirectly, sale of tobacco products to those below 18 years of age and smoking in public places.

Cheap medicine for anthrax

*299. SHRI S. NIRAIKULATHAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to slate:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Indian pharmaceutical company 'Ranbaxy' is offering to provide medicines for anthrax induced diseases at less than half the price of the US companies:

(b) whether Government have taken up the matter with the USA; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the USA Government?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR) : (a) to (c) The Government of India had offered to the United States, supply of US $ 1 million worth of Ciprofloxacin for treatment of Anthrax. While thanking Government of India for the offer, the U.S. Ambassador in New Delhi, had informed that the U.S. Government would not be availing of the offer, as

they have, in the meantime, been able to arrange for ample supply of Ciprofloxacin within the United States, because of an agreement with Bayer for increased production and the availability of other antibiotics that have been approved for treatment of Anthrax.

Construction of flats by CGEWHO

*300. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA : Will the MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that balconies being provided in Type 'B' and 'C' Hats under CGEWHO, Noida, Phase-Ill and IV Housing Schemes are very small;

(b) whether Government are also aware thai two toilets being provided in those flats are having attached bathrooms, making them unhygienic and restricting their use, as the toilets cannot be used if the bathroom is occupied and *vice-versa;*

(c) if so. the steps contemplated to enlarge the balconies and separate toilets from bathrooms in these flats, particularly Phase IV flats, the plans of which arc yet to be approved; and

(d) if not. the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) and (b) Two balconies of size 5'x7' and 4.5' x 6' respectively have been provided as per norms of prevalent building codes. Since two toilets have been provided, in B & C type flats, the bathrooms provided are attached to the toilets to make it cost effective. In 'A Type flat, where only one toilet is provided, a separate bathroom has been provided. But wherever two toilets are provided, both have attached bathing area also. Attached toilets are not unhygienic and are a requirement of modern living.

(c) and (d) The plans have already been provided by New Okhla Industrial Development Authority (NOIDA) for the complete project comprising three phases (Phase III, IV and V) on a plot of land measuring 40 acres at Sector-;82 NOIDA. Two balconies have been provided in each flat apart from one common toilet, (not attached with the bedroom) in type B & C flats. Alteration at this stage is not considered necessary.